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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Examiner : Elvis O. Price
Group Art Unit : 1621
Applicants : Roger D. Tung, et al.
Application No. : 10/786,997 Confirmation No. : 9030
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For : NOVEL SULFONAMIDE INHIBITORS OF
ASPARTYL PROTEASE

New York, New York 10036
May 23, 2007

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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REPLY AND AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

In response to the April 10, 2007 Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief, applicants request continued examination and provide the following remarks.

On March 23, 2007, Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal together with an Amendment And Reply To Office Action Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. The Examiner

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mailed an Advisory Action on April 10, 2007. With this Request for Continued Examination, Applicants withdraw their appeal. This Request for Continued Examination is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.